

# 2020 January Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 8:30 am EST

Philadelphia Marriott, Room 310

**Board Members Attendees:** Megan Drake (Chair); Ana Elisa de Campos Salles (Past-Chair); Rae-Anne Montague (Chair-Elect); Ben Gomberg, *via phone* (Treasurer); Casey McCoy-Simmons, *via phone* (Director-at-Large); Walter Daniel Cat Walker (Director-at-Large); Deb Sica (Round Table Councilor); Shira Pilarski (Director-at-Large); Jessica Jupitus (Director-at-Large); Sukrit Goswami (Secretary); Anne Moore (Director-at Large)

**Guests:** Drew Lakhardt; Elizabeth Marshak, Trevor A Dawes, Ann Symons, Kathleen Breitenbaer, Katie Spires, Patty Wang, Steven Yates, and Briana Jarnagin (ALA staff liaison)

1. Megan called the meeting to Order at 8:30 am.

## 2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The board Approved the meeting **agenda** for January 2020 Executive Board Meeting after correcting the typo in the date/year.

- Board approve **minutes** of December 2019 Executive Board Meeting with a suggestion to put titles of Mary Gen Davis and Dontana McPherson-Joseph as book committee chairs.

3. Patty Wong (ALA Presidential Candidate) & Steven Yates (ALA Presidential Candidate) spoke to the board about their background and platform. Both candidates are Rainbow Roundtable members.

4. **ALA Executive Board's Liaison Report:** Trevor shared ALA Executive Board's news/updates with RRT Executive Board during the meeting. Trevor discussed the financial situation at ALA, and informed the board that there were some shortfalls that will be shared with the membership before the end of the conference.

**Trevor also informed the board that the planned scheduled move of ALA offices to the new location in Chicago is on April 24, 2020.**

5. **Rainbow BookList Content Warnings** - Megan Drake & Kathleen Breitenbach lead the discussion on content warning. Board thanked and commended Kathleen for her hard work on the committee as their committee chair.

Kathleen informed the board about OIF recommendation on inclusion of Content Warnings. The board recommended to the committee to not include any kind of content warning or include any tags.

The board voted to not include any content warnings and/or tags as dictated by Library Bill of rights.

- 6. ODLOS Report** Briana updated the board with ODLOS activities/report. Briana informed the board that ODLOS is doing research on diversity related topics. She asked that anyone from RRT can join in this discussion with ODLOS. The information is on office's website. The closing date is in April.
- Briana also mentioned that ALA's EDI focus group is creating guiding principles that are recommended to be followed. Info is available on ALA website. She shed some light on the continuing education work that is being done by ODLOS. ODLOS is also getting ready for upcoming celebrations for CSK and a few other groups.

**7. Treasurer's Report and Budget: Below is the report from Ben:**

Admin or General Fund

*Revenues*

Dues - \$17,044 (25% above projection)

Sales/Merch - \$1,957

Donations - \$4,703 (20% above projection)

Royalties - \$5,118

Total revenues were \$28,821 (37% above projection)

*Expenses*

Meal Functions - \$2,953

Awards - \$3,500

AV - \$799

Design - \$1,482

Total expenses were \$11,582

**We brought in \$17,239 more than we spent, mostly due to increased revenue from dues, donations, and royalties.**

Stonewall Fund

*Revenues*

Sales - \$31,839

*Expenses*

Awards - \$4,305

Printing - \$11,865

Total Expenses - \$17,734

*Transfer In*

From Endowment - \$3,000

**We brought in \$14,105 more than we spent. Hooray for Stonewall seals!**

- 8. Next Year (2020-2021) Budget:** The board decided to table the vote at this time. It was decided to discuss the budget via emails and then vote via emails before the next month's meeting.
- 9. RRT Councilor Report:** Deb informed the board that SCOE is still being discussed at the ALA council, and some SCOE restructuring is on the cards.  
Deb discussed that how we can increase RRT's visibility in ALA, and defend Intellectual Freedom related issues.  
Deb also informed the board that she will do a resolution on Keith Trimmer during annual.
- 10. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update:** Ann Symons thanks ALA staff for assisting the committee with many matters, especially after the committee lost a couple members but also that a few new members have joined the committee. The committee is meeting monthly and they do have an agenda to move forward. Ann informed the board that ALA staff is in charge of all the contracts and everything is moving forward smoothly.
- 11. Ad Hoc Committee for International Book Award:** It was suggested that we discuss this item in future along with award for poetry etc.
- 12. Stonewall Book Award Committee Guidelines:** Megan informed that board that chair of Barbara Gittings Literature Award Committee, DONTANA McPherson-Joseph and the incoming committee chair will be coming up with a proposal and report to the board in next month's meeting.
- 13. Conflict of Interest Conversation:** Megan will be looking into CSK, APALA etc. conflict of interest statements/rules so we can create one for our award committees.  
We will continue this discussion during next meeting.
- 14. Executive Session:** Awards Deliberation was done by the executive board, and winners were selected for Newlen/Symons Award and for the Political Activism Award.
- 15.** Megan Drake adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.